PTI MPAs decry denial of access to Imran Khan

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf MPAs have jointly submitted a resolution condemning denial of permission for Opposition Leader in Punjab Assembly Moeen Qureshi and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Suhail Afridi to meet incarcerated party founder Imran Khan in Adiala Jail.

The resolution, signed by all opposition MPAs, states that denying Mr Qureshi and Mr Afridi permission to meet with the former premier on the orders of the court was not only illegal but also an affront to millions of people in both provinces who voted for them.

"This house informs the government that PTI legislators have been elected by millions of voters in Punjab and KP and the government's attempt to stop party office-bearers from meeting their leader in jail is against people's mandate. This house demands that the government should arrange Punjab Assembly Opposition Leader and KP chief minister's meeting with Imran Khan at the earliest," reads the resolution.

Army, Rangers requisitioned for cricket series

LAHORE: The Punjab government has requisitioned the Pakistan Army and Rangers troops for the security of the participants of the tri-nation cricket series' scheduled from Nov 11.

As per the formal requisition for the deployment, sent to the interior ministry, the troops will be deployed from Nov 8 (today) to Nov 30, for providing security cover to the home and foreign teams during their stay and travel in the province.

During the series, the Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe cricket teams will be playing matches in Lahore and Rawalpindi from Nov 11 to 27. — Staff Reporter

TOBA TEK SINGH: Ms Meltem Şimşek, the wife and representative of the Consul General of the Republic of T rkiye, visits a stall at the Turkish cultural show at Government College for Women University, Faisalabad. — Dawn

SP given 'sought-after' division after LHC declares him misfit

IGP admits before the court that SP acted wrongly and a notice had been issued to him; Issues transfer orders after court proceeding with the SP getting the 'coveted' posting

By Wajih Ahmad Sheikh

LAHORE: A superintendent of police (SP) on Friday was given the charge of a relatively more 'sought-after' division in the provincial metropolis soon after the Lahore High Court (LHC) declared the officer a misfit for any field posting.

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Punjab Dr Usman Anwar and other officers appeared before the court of Justice Shehram Sarwar Chaudhry in a case related to an inheritance of property in Karachi. The judge had summoned the police chief after expressing displeasure over the performance of Model Town SP (Operations) Akhlaqullah Tarar in the case.

The judge observed that SP Tarar should not be assigned any field posting, otherwise, the IGP would keep appearing before courts repeatedly. Justice Chaudhry asked the IGP whether he examined the matter.

Dr Anwar said he did view that matter, admitting that the SP acted wrongly. He pointed out that a notice for disciplinary action had been issued to the SP. The IGP said the SP was an honest officer, but he committed a mistake.

"Do not assign this SP to field duty. Keep him at your office instead. It's a suggestion. If he remains in the field, he'll cause you trouble," the judge warned the IGP. The judge noted that the case pertained to property in Karachi, but the SP took it up on his own.

Dr Anwar informed the court that the matter had now been referred to Karachi.

Justice Chaudhry also showed his displeasure to DIG Operations Faisal Kamran for trying to support SP Tarar. "This means you are backing him (SP)?" the judge asked the DIG. Finally, the judge disposed of the petition as the petitioner sought to withdraw it.

Earlier, petitioner Bilal Muhammad Khan appeared before the court along with his counsel Shan Gul. The petitioner had challenged an application filed by his sister regarding inheritance of property.

After the court's proceedings, the IGP issued a notification No 99/2025, regarding transfer and posting of eight police officers of the province.

According to the notification, SP Akhlaqullah Tarar was transferred and posted from Model Town to Cantonment division against an existing vacancy. Many see Cantonment as the most desired division for an SP-level officer in Lahore.

Sources told *Dawn* that a federal minister intervened in the matter and rescued the SP from the 'punishment' of desk job. They said it would be noteworthy to see how the IGP manages to avoid the possible court's wrath.

ASP Operations Defence Syeda Sheharbano replaced SP Tarar.

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FOR SERVICE LINE SHIFTING AGAINST SYSTEM REHABILITATION PROGRAM FY 2025-26 AT BAHAWALPUR MAIN, JOB NUMBER 26/59/009413
TENDER ENQUIRY NO. BWP/SRP/03/2025-26

Item	Brief Description	Network Type	No. of S/Lines
(i)	Samma Satta BWP 1	P.E S/Lines	589
(ii)	Samma Satta, BWP 2	P.E S/Lines	450
(iii)	Samma Satta, BWP 3	P.E S/Lines	450
(iv)	Samma Satta, BWP 4	P.E S/Lines	350
(v)	Qasim Town and Gulistan Colony, Bahawalpur	P.E S/Lines	382
(vi)	BVH Quaid-e-Azam Medical College, BWP 1	P.E S/Lines	50
(vii)	BVH Quaid-e-Azam Medical College, BWP 2	P.E S/Lines	550
(viii)	Mughal Pura, Ghulab Pura, Khimsa Bhatta Road, Lodhran 4'' dia Pipeline TBS Bus Stand To 4'' dia Pit Valve Near Veterinary Hospital Multani Gate, Bahawalpur	P.E S/Lines	435
(ix)	TBS Habibullah Town BWP Mughal Pura, Ghulab Pura, Khimsa Bhatta Road, Lodhran	P.E S/Lines M.S S/Lines	306 135
(x)	Khanoo Wali, Bawahalpur	M.S S/Lines	325
(xi)	Basti Faizabad	M.S S/Lines	250
(xii)	Remaining Portion Inside City, BWP Remaining Portion Satellite Town BWP	P.E S/Lines	200
	Total S/Lines		**4,472**

FOR SERVICE LINE SHIFTING AGAINST SYSTEM REHABILITATION PROGRAM FY 2025-26 AT SUB AREA A.P EAST BAHAWALPUR REGION JOB NUMBER 26/59/009813
TENDER ENQUIRY NO. BWP/SRP/04/2025-26

Item	Brief Description	Network Type	No. of S/Lines
(i)	Qalandar Colony, APE	P.E S/Lines	151
(ii)	Tranda M. Panah, APE 1-1/4'' Dia	P.E S/Lines	429
(iii)	Tranda M. Panah, APE 2'' Dia SMS APE to Daewoo Terminal KLP Road APE	P.E S/Line M.S S/Line	355 59
(iv)	Ameer Alam Colony, APE	P.E S/Lines	322
	Total S/Lines		**1,316**

DITCHING, BACKFILLING, REINSTATEMENT & ALLIED FOR UNDERGROUND NETWORK REPLACEMENT AGAINST SYSTEM REHABILITATION PROGRAM FY 2025-26 AT BAHAWALPUR REGION
TENDER ENQUIRY NO. BWP/SRP/05/2025-26

Item	Brief Description	Quantity (Meterage)
(i)	Remaining Portion Inside City, BWP Remaining Portion Satellite Town BWP	1-1/4" Dia P.E = 1546 Mtrs 2" Dia P.E = 72 Mtrs

DITCHING, BACKFILLING, REINSTATMENT & ALLIED FOR UNDERGROUND NETWORK REPLACEMENT AGAINST SYSTEM REHABILITATION PROGRAM FY 2025-26 AT SUB AREA A.P EAST BAHAWALPUR REGION JOB NUMBER 26/59/009713
TENDER ENQUIRY NO. BWP/SRP/06/2025-26

Item	Brief Description	Quantity (Meterage)
(i)	Ameer Alam Colony, APE	1-14" Dia P.E = 2900 Mtrs 2" Dia P.E = 320 Mtrs

Note: Tender Re-floating due to non-participation of Contractors.

Bidding documents, containing detailed terms and conditions, etc. are available and can be obtained through a request on firm's letter head along with photocopies of above-mentioned documents /certificate from **SNGPL Regional office, Maintenance Section,6-D Model Town-A Bahawalpur**. Price of the bidding documents is **Rs. 1000/-** while earnest money not less than **2% (excluding taxes)**.

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New MBBS admission policy draws flak

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: A new admission policy for public sector medical colleges in Punjab has drawn criticism from the current-year aspirants who have labelled it 'severe injustice' that squanders the legitimate rights of deserving students.

The controversy appeared after a recent announcement by the Punjab government, allowing the candidates from the 2023 and 2024 admission cycles to reapply for seats in 2025, using their old MDCAT scores. The policy, which shifts the implementation responsibility to the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC), has been called unprecedented and discriminatory.

Representatives of the 2025 student cohort held a press conference, saying that the purpose of conference was to bring to the attention of the government and authorities to the disparity and injustice faced by the deserving and capable medical aspirants of 2025.

Protestors argued that the three-year validity of the MDCAT scores had no global or national precedent. They pointed to the admission authority in Sindh, which had rightly decided that admissions would be granted solely based on the 2025 entry test, ensuring impartiality.

"Why should medical students alone be subjected to such an unprecedented policy?' the speakers questioned. They highlighted that other leading Pakistani institutions, including NUST, AKU, UET, PU and GCU, based their admissions strictly on the current year's entry test.

The policy has been described as a 'backdoor entry' for students who failed to secure admission in their respective years.

"It implies that the aspirants of 2025 are being treated as less competent or less deserving than the repeaters — an assumption that is illogical," the conference was told.

To underscore their point, the speakers presented compelling data, noting that the 2024 MDCAT had 200 questions, with a staggering 2,750 students scoring between 190 and 200 marks. In contrast, the 2025 test was more compact with 180 questions, and only 817 students managed to score between 170 and 180.

"This reduction in both the number of questions and the proportion of high scorers clearly indicated that the 2025 test was more challenging," they argued.

"Treating both examinations as equivalent would, therefore, deprive the 2025 aspirants of their lawful right to fair competition."

The students feared that candidates who already secured admission to 2024 — particularly those with scores higher than last year's closing merit of 94.30 per cent for MBBS — might reapply to upgrade to more prestigious colleges or secure a seat in their hometowns.

"This would trigger a massive wave of seat upgrade and replacements, leading to administrative chaos and wastage of seats," they cautioned.

"Such a scenario would ultimately spiral beyond control."

In light of these concerns, the 2025 medical aspirants appealed to the Punjab government to follow the example set by institutions like NUST, AKU, and Sindh's admission authority by restricting admissions for 2025 exclusively to those who appeared in the 2025 MDCAT, they concluded.

Sikhs visit Bhagat Singh Gallery

LAHORE: A delegation of Sikh yatrees (pilgrims) from the UK and Canada visited the recently-restored and renovated Poonch House and Baghat Singh Gallery here on Friday.

A Tourism Development Corporation of Punjab (TDCP) guide briefed the delegation members about the history of the Poonch House, built in 1849, which has now been fully restored by the Punjab government.

The delegation members also visited the Bhagat Singh Gallery, where the last part of the trial against the freedom fighter was conducted in 1931. They were given a briefing on Bhagat's life, struggle, court trial, jail sentence and his belongings. They were also shown a replica of the courtroom, where the trial was conducted.

The visitors appreciated the Punjab industries and tourism departments for wonderful preservation of the building and establishing an informative gallery and court, which depicted the life of the hero, who fought against the Britishers.

A woman visitor said she found it very interesting to visit the Poonch House and the courtroom where Bhagat's trial was conducted. "It has been preserved well," she said.

The yatrees also watched a documentary on the monument's restoration, importance and Bhagat Singh's struggle against the colonial rulers. **— Staff Reporter**

Bhati bird market traders accuse govt of killing animals

Claim govt officials had committed to hold a meeting later in the day for provision of alternative shops; LDA DG terms allegations propaganda, says admin helped to clear out shops before the operation

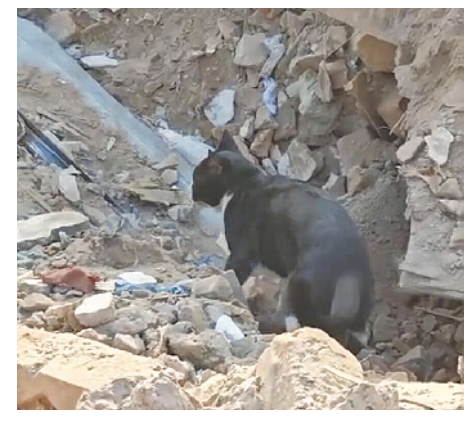
By Khalid Hasnain

LAHORE: Traders of the Bhati bird market have termed the government 'the killer of a huge number of birds and pets', which they claim were buried alive during the pre-dawn anti-encroachment operation on Wednesday.

The shopkeepers also accused the government of destroying the business of over 150 bird market shopkeepers within a few hours despite promising to hold a meeting on Wednesday at 12pm.

"In a detailed meeting with us on Tuesday, the officers including the assistant commissioner (city) pledged to hold another meeting on Wednesday at 12pm to decide the compensation and providing us with alternate shops in the wake of the ongoing activities related to the revival of heritage by the Lahore Authority for Heritage Revival (LAHR)," explains Saleem Iqbal, the bird market president.

"Surprisingly, I received a phone call from someone in the wee hours of Wednesday (2am) about the government's intention to launch an operation early in the morning. I didn't bother considering the commitment made by the government officers," Mr Iqbal said.



ACCORDING to eyewitnesses, this cat is looking for its kittens in the debris. — Dawn

He said that at 4am on Wednesday, he was told that a huge number of police, officials of the city administration and LDA had surrounded the market along with heavy machinery. He said when he reached the spot and saw the demolition, he requested the officers on duty to honour the commitment and stop the operation for the sake of birds and animals inside the shops.

"But they threatened me with dire consequences, warning me to better leave the site, failing which I may not see my family again," he said.

It is pertinent to mention that the Bhati Chowk remodeling project launched by LDA and Tepa aims to reduce traffic congestion and to control pollution. Though this project is not part of the LAHR project, its objectives are similar to the LAHR project.

"Only the traders of the 13 or 14 shops situated near the front were able to take out the birds and cages late on the night of the incident. But others, who had already closed their shops in the evening as per routine, couldn't take out their birds, pets and other goods. A number of animals were buried alive during the operation, when all the structures of the market were raised with heavy machinery," claims Bahu Khan, an office-bearer of the bird association.

The government, on the other hand, had rejected the allegations, claiming that not a single bird was killed during the operation.

"All shopkeepers were aware of this operation and our teams also helped them shift the birds and other goods," LDA Director General Tahir Farooq claimed in a telephonic conversation with *Dawn*.

"The pictures being shown in the media are fake, as not a single bird or pet was even injured. It is just propaganda by some shopkeepers to defame the government," he said. He claimed the LDA had proof showing LDA and Tepa officials helping shopkeepers in taking their birds and cages out of the shops.

However, the bird traders dispute the government's claims and offer to remove the debris to unearth the truth.

"At 5:30pm, a couple of non-governmental organisations visited the site and found several birds buried alive after some debris were removed by the shopkeepers on their own," said Saleem Iqbal.